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1. Argentine Foreign Minister Oscar Montes formally invited the OAS Human Rights Commission (IAHRC) by diplomatic note to visit Argentina to look into "the legal-juridical conditions currently existing in the country," according to Clarin June 21. Quoting "reliable diplomatic sources," Clarin says that the IAHRC was pleased with the GOA initiative which would be considered a "special visit," having "nothing to do" with another visit to Argentina originally proposed by the IAHRC through its regular channels. (Comment: The "originally proposed" visit presumably refers to an IAHRC request made last February for GOA consideration of a visit. We understand that GOA wished its invitation to

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be considered as a GOA initiative and not merely a reply to the IAHRC request.)

2. The official news agency Telam quoted the note as saying, in part: "It is understood as necessary and appropriate that the best fulfillment of respective responsibilities, in the case of observation and promotion of human rights, fall to the Commission and to each government... In that case, (the Argentine government) is pleased by the willingness shown by the Commission to enter into a substantive dialog on the current Argentine situation, which is characterized by the application of exceptional measures necessary for the legitimate right of defense in the face of terrorist attacks... In this context and within the basic principles contained in the Charter of the OAS, my government offers to the Commission the opportunity to look into the matter through a visit to Argentina with the purpose of verifying the legal-juridical conditions existing in the country."

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